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Transmittal # 106 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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**PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL CHANGE
FOR THE CHAMPVA PM (POLICY MANUAL)**

Explanation of the changes and related index updates to the CHAMPVA PM are in the following summary.

Transmittal changes may include removal of supplemental language previously noted in the body of the policy or the transmittal memorandum.

MTOC (Master Table of Contents)

- Amends the Title for Chapter 2, Section 26.5, from *Digital Subtraction Angiography (Also Known As Computed Digital Radiography)* to *DSA (Digital Subtraction Angiography)*.

Chapter 2, Section 17.23, WIGS OR HAIRPIECE.

- Under Exclusions clarifies criteria for the wig/cranial prostheses or hairpiece benefits are limited to one per lifetime paid for by the government.

**Chapter 2, Section 17.26, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DRESSINGS
(CONSUMABLES).**

- Adds Policy Considerations and examples of covered medical supplies, and clarifies that support hose is a covered item, and provides the circumstances and examples for coverage.

**Chapter 2, Section 18.12, ANCILLARY INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES.**

- Amends Related Authority.
- Removes Description.
- Under Policy removes charges for leisure time programs, outings and movies as they are not considered part of a CHAMPVA approved inpatient mental health therapy program and adds this language under Exclusion.

Chapter 2, Section 18.19, COURT – ORDERED CARE.

- Under Effective Date changes November 13, 1984, to December 5, 1984.
- Adds Description and language for court-ordered care.
- Under Policy revises language for clarity.
- Removes Policy Considerations.

Chapter 2, Section 20.4, STEREOTACTIC IMPLANTATION OF DEPTH ELECTRODES.

- Amends Procedure Codes.

Chapter 2, Section 23.3, IMMUNIZATIONS INJECTIONS.

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy adds rotavirus and shingles (herpes zoster) vaccine.

Chapter 2, Section 23.3A-1, CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE ADDENDUM 1.

- Adds Rotavirus vaccine and criteria to the immunization schedule.

Chapter 2, Section 23.3A-2, ADULT IMMUNIZATIONS SCHEDULE ADDENDUM 2.

- Adds Shingles (herpes zoster) vaccine and criteria to the immunization schedule.

Chapter 2, Section 26.5, DSA (DIGITAL SUBTRACTION ANGIOGRAPHY)

- Amends Title.
- Adds Procedure Code.
- Under Description clarifies language.
- Removes Exceptions and adds this language under Policy Consideration.
- Adds Policy Consideration and makes clarification that this policy does not apply to coronary angiography.

Chapter 2, Section 26.10, RADIONUCLIDE IMAGING PROCEDURES.

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Adds Description and language for radionuclide imaging.
- Under Policy removes references to specific CPT codes and procedures, and clarifies that radionuclide imaging is covered when medically appropriate.

Chapter 2, Section 29.1, AMBULATORY SURGERY.

- Under Policy clarifies coverage and adds references to ASC (Ambulatory Surgical Center) Reimbursement, Addendum's 7.1A and 7.2A.
- Under Policy Considerations removes cost-share references; and references to foreign claims and providers; and clarifies covered considerations; moves institutional charges submitted by nonapproved ambulatory surgery centers; professional services provided by employees of nonapproved centers; and

institutional charges submitted by authorized freestanding ambulatory surgery centers for services related to an unlisted procedure to Exclusions.

- Adds Exclusions and language previously listed under Policy Considerations.

Chapter 2, Section 29.4, ECI (EXTRACORPOREAL IMMUNOADSORPTION) WITH PROTEIN-A COLUMNS.

- Adds Procedure Code(s).
- Under Description revises language for clarification.
- Under Policy clarifies ECI and coverage criteria.

Chapter 2, Section 29.16, CHEMONUCLEOLYSIS.

- Amends Procedure Code(s).

Code Index. Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in this transmittal.

Subject Index. Amends index to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.

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